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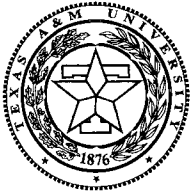
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FOREWORD

This publication represents the second output of what the organizers hope will be a series of workshops and public information on Canada/U.S. policy and trade disputes. The first initiative was an analysis of the grains disputes; the second program and this publication deal with the issues of the dairy industries in both countries. The objective of the organizers of this initiative is to reduce the level and impact of policy differences, and stressed trading relations between Canada and the United States through dissemination of balanced economic information.

A great deal of effort and cooperation have gone into these programs to produce this output. The organizers are committed to a low budget operation with sometimes very tight deadlines; that means that the contributors do most of the work outside of the very nominal compensation we are able to make. That also means that a number of public and private institutions have indirectly contributed to the program and publication. We appreciate these contributions and wish to acknowledge the sharing by organizations, universities, private firms and branches of government on both sides of the border.

Direct funding for this program and publication came from three sources: the U.S.D.A., Agriculture and Agrifood Canada, and the Farm Foundation. We acknowledge these contributions and thank you for your continued support. We have been unencumbered in our planning efforts by this support and the program represents our own best shot at relevant and timely analysis.

The first named editor wishes to acknowledge the contribution of the authors, and his fellow editors; this is a significant undertaking, and most papers and the support of the other editors expedited the process. Alex Pursaga has worked on editing both years, and Bonnie Warkentine has done all the production work. Their contributions have been beyond compensation as well. Having said this, the senior editor also acknowledges and takes responsibility for failure to meet our time lines. The next publication will be on time.

The next program will occur in early March and has been fixed at the time of writing. We take the policy/trades dispute framework to the next logical level of policy consistency, compatibility, and harmonization, and this time in a tri-national context including Mexico. That publication is targeted for release in June 1997.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

OBJECTIVE

To provide relevant background information on the United States and Canadian dairy sectors as well as a general description of the policies of both countries.

